

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1224

ANSWERED ON:03.08.2006

ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS .

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government of Gujarat has requested for higher allocation of funds in the railway sector in order to secure speedy development of the backward areas of State;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether a request has also been made for expeditious completion of on-going railway projects and for sanction of new ones to keep pace with the development in the region; and
- (d) If so, the action plan of the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1224 BY S/SHRI JASUBHAI DHANABHAI BARAD AND VIKRAMBHAI ARJANBHAI MADAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.8.2006 REGARDING ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a) to (d): As per available records, requests have been received from Government of Gujarat for allotment of adequate funds for completion/ taking up of following ongoing/new proposals:-

- i) Extension of Rajkot-Veraval-Somnath line upto Kodinar
- ii) Connecting Gandhinagar with Ahmedabad-Delhi BG line
- iii) Rail connectivity to Hazira Port
- iv) Bhavnagar-Tarapur new line
- v) Surendranagar-Dhrangadhara gauge conversion
- vi) Viramgam-Mahesana-Patan-Bhildi gauge conversion
- vii) Bharuch-Dahej gauge conversion
- viii) Ahmedabad-Botad gauge conversion
- ix) Dhasa-Jetalsar gauge conversion
- x) Dhasa-Veraval gauge conversion
- xi) Additional track between Ahmedabad-Mumbai

Gauge conversion of Samakhiali-Gandhidham (65 kms) and Adraj Moti-Gandhinagar (10 kms) & Veraval-Somnath (5 kms) new lines are targeted for completion during 2006-07.

Gauge conversion of Bharuch-Samni-Dahej has been included in the Budget 2006-07.

An outlay of Rs. 266.88 crore has been provided for works under new line, gauge conversion and doubling plan head falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat during 2006-07 against the allotment of Rs. 184.35 crore during 2005-06. This amount is considered sufficient to execute the works planned during the year.

